

TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENT

Between the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality hereinafter referred to as NDEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region VII acting as a representative for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and hereinafter referred to as EPA for their participation in sharing data as part of the Facility Identification Integration Activities. The use of the term Agency will refer to both partners.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) is to identify the activities that NDEQ and EPA will undertake as partners of the Facility Identification Integration Activities. As partners, each will work cooperatively to implement an exchange of facility identification data pertaining to Nebraska sites/facilities for incorporation into the Nebraska Integrated Information System(IIS) and the EPA Facility Registry System(FRS). Each partner will provide internet access to the data, making it available for use by each partner, businesses, interest groups, and the public in general.

II. BACKGROUND

The partners represent Federal and State Government whose responsibilities in general are for the protection of the environment. As part of their responsibilities, the partners collect and maintain data to support their agency's environmental program interest activities. The consistent identification of facilities within each agency and between agencies is key to the proper use of other data collected by agency environmental programs. It ensures that NDEQ and EPA recognize the same universe of regulated facilities in Nebraska and how these facilities relate to environmental program interests, and their associated data.

III. BENEFITS OF EXCHANGE

The most direct benefit of this shared information will be to improve the collective understanding of the place that is represented by these records.

Agency staff and citizens interested in environmental program activities at a given place of interest will have access to improved data.

Shared records, files and data values will allow each agency to capitalize on the other's efforts to achieve high quality facility data.

IV. PARTNERS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Participation in the Facility Identification Integration Activities requires good-faith effort by each partner to make a distributed information system function as efficiently as possible. Due to the loosely structured nature of a distributed information network, each partner must take responsibility for working cooperatively with the other Partner to make data readily available for online

Internet access while maintaining the integrity of the data by adhering to assigned data stewardship responsibilities.

This agreement does not fulfill any specific federal reporting requirements and participation does not supersede any data or information management and reporting requirements of any grant, contract, or agreement. In selected cases, NDEQ and EPA will maintain a backup copy of data. Partners are encouraged to design their information management systems so their information, if appropriate, can be shared or made available on a regular basis.

DATA STEWARDSHIP is acknowledged between the two Partners. Notification and documentation will be provided to the appropriate partner when data is deemed to fall short of the expectations and standards as defined in Appendix A for program information integration. NDEQ will be a steward to all data identified as "State Only" records, and EPA will be a steward to all data identified as "Federal Only" records. All facility records shared between Partners will be owned in joint cooperation. NDEQ will have primary responsibility for data supporting EPA delegated environmental programs and state programs. The environmental program(interest) responsibilities of each partner are listed in Appendix B.

V. AUTHORITIES AND POLICIES

Facility Identification Integration is founded on the commitment of NDEQ and EPA working in partnership to enhance the use of and public access to integrated facility records. This Agreement specifies the roles and responsibilities for maintaining key facility information for public access. This agreement represents a partnership, as defined in the Network Blueprint, and builds upon the principles and guidelines as outlined in the One-Stop program to enhance data integration, public access and address reporting burden.

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The EPA and NDEQ agree to the following:

A. DATA ACCESS

Access to the data will be made available through the publicly accessible EPA Internet web site at www.epa.gov or through the publicly accessible NDEQ Internet web site at www.deq.state.ne.us . Each agency will, to the best of their ability, operate their web sites continuously.

The exchange of data between NDEQ and EPA will occur through their respective Network nodes. Each partner will have the option to either send their data or have the other partner retrieve their data.

B. METADATA

EPA and NDEQ shall provide metadata consistent with the facility data standards as listed in the Environmental Data Registry(EDR).

C. STANDARDS

The data will be in conformance to the data standards for facility identification as found in the EDR.

Standards for the shared data elements will conform to the overall outline as described in the February 2000 FITS 2 document found on the ECOS web site at http://www.sso.org/ecos/projects/EIM/fits_2.htm.

The data will be exchanged using the Facility Document Exchange Template, which may be found at the Network repository and in part in Appendix A.

D. DATA

EPA and NDEQ shall make all pertinent, non-sensitive data publicly available through Internet access.

Reconciliation of data duplicates, discrepancies, and/or quality will be in accordance with the process outlined in Appendix C.

E. TECHNOLOGY

EPA and NDEQ will utilize XML technology for the exchange of data through their network nodes as will be further defined through network testing and exchange of information

Technical outreach and/or training will be conducted by the appropriate Partner or Partner designee depending on the issue and technical problem being addressed.

The partners will work together to resolve any technical issues that arise in the transfer, posting and reconciliation of the data.

F. SECURITY

Security will be maintained by each Partner to adequately ensure the integrity and accuracy of the data is maintained. This information is not considered sensitive, is approved for public distribution, and will not result in significant harm to the environmental agency or another data owner or generator if the information is altered.

This information will be available through the Internet on a public web site and can be transmitted without encryption or special security measures.

VI. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

It shall be the responsibility of each Partner to secure the resources required to meet

the requirements of this agreement. It shall be the responsibility of parties negotiating an exchange of data to address any financial requirements associated with any such exchange..

Costs and resources will be provided by each Partner as needed to ensure a successful transfer of data is made to each other's information systems and in reconciling data quality issues that arise from the data integration.

VII. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT and TERMINATION

This agreement becomes effective on the date of signatures by both parties and continues until modified by mutual consent or unless terminated with 60 days written notice by any party. This agreement should be reviewed periodically and amended or revised when required.

VIII. DATA OWNERSHIP AND RIGHTS

Any data and accompanying metadata managed under this agreement shall be transferred to NDEQ in the event that either agency can no longer meet the requirements of this agreement. NDEQ shall have final data ownership rights to facility records and associated data elements from "State Only " environmental programs(interests) as well as records and associated data elements from environmental programs(interests) delegated to NDEQ from EPA.

IX. POINTS OF CONTACT

The following individuals have been identified as points of contacts within each Agency:

Dennis Burling	Maryane Tremaine	Pat Garvey
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The following individuals have been identified as points of contacts to support the Agencies and the efforts outlined in this agreement:

Data Standards:	Technical Guidance:
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US EPA	SAIC MOSES Contractor Support
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XI. APPROVALS

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

Michael Linder, Director

Date

U.S. EPA Region VII

Bill Rice, Acting Regional Administrator

Date

Appendix A

FRS DATA ELEMENT NAME	XML TAG	Nebraska Data Available	EDR NUMBER	DEFINITION
Facility Site				
Facility Registry Identifier (Facility ID Std)	Facility_Registry_Identifier	NA	32387	The identification number assigned by the EPA Facility Registry System to uniquely identify a facility site.
State Facility System Abbreviated Name	State_Facility_System_ Abbreviated_Name	IIS		The abbreviated name that represents the name of a state facility information management system.
State Facility Identifier (Facility ID Std)	State_Facility_Identifier	Yes	6123	The unique identification number used by a state to identify a facility site.
Facility Site Name (Facility ID Std)	Facility_Site_Name	Yes	5720	The public or commercial name of a facility site (i.e., the full name that commonly appears on invoices, signs, or other business documents, or as assigned by the state when the name is ambiguous).
Location Address (Facility ID Std)	Location_Address	Yes	6187	The address that describes the physical (geographic) location of the front door or main entrance of a facility site, including urban-style street address or rural address.
Supplemental Location Text (Facility ID Std)	Supplemental_Location_Text	Yes	6173	The text that provides additional information about a place, including a building name with its secondary unit and number, an industrial park name, an installation name or descriptive text where no formal address is available.
Locality Name (Facility ID Std)	Locality_Name	Yes	32391	The name of the city, town, village or other locality, when identifiable, within whose boundaries (the majority of) the facility site is located. This is not always the same as the city used for USPS mail delivery.
County and State FIPS Code (Facility ID Std)	County_State_FIPS_Code	Yes	11	The code that represents the county or county equivalent and the state or state equivalent of the United States.
County Name	County_Name	Yes	32388	The name of the U.S. county or county equivalent in which the facility

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(Facility ID Std)				site is physically located.
State USPS Code	State_USPS_Code	Yes	43	The U.S. Postal Service abbreviation that represents the state or state equivalent for the U.S. and Canada.
State Name (Facility ID Std)	State_Name	Yes	42	The name of a principal administrative subdivision of the United States, Canada, or Mexico.
Country Name (Facility ID Std)	Country_Name	USA	9	The name that represents a primary geopolitical unit of the world. <i>Default:</i> USA
Location ZIP Code (Facility ID Std)	Location_ZIP_Code	Yes	32389	The combination of the 5-digit Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) code and the four-digit extension code (if available) that represents the geographic segment that is a subunit of the ZIP Code, assigned by the U.S. Postal Service to a geographic location; or the postal zone specific to the country, other than the U.S., where the facility site is located.
Federal Facility Indicator Code	Federal_Facility_Indicator_Code	NA	23899	Code indicating whether or not the facility is the property of the Federal Government.
Tribal Land Indicator Code	Tribal_Land_Indicator_Code	NA	23909	Code indicating whether or not the facility site is located on tribal land.
Tribal Land Name (Facility ID Std)	Tribal_Land_Name	NA	48	The name of an American Indian or Alaskan native area where the facility site is located.
Congressional District Number	Congressional_District_Number	Yes	6153	The number that represents a Congressional District for a state within the United States.
Legislative District Number	Legislative_District_Number	Yes	6157	The number that represents a Legislative District within a state.
Hydrologic Cataloging Unit (HUC) Code	HUC_Code	NA	5873	The hydrologic unit code (HUC) that represents a geographic area representing part or all of a surface drainage basin, a combination of drainage basins, or a distinct hydrologic feature.
		NA		The descriptive name for the type of site the facility occupies.

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Facility Site Type Name	Facility_Site_Type_Name			
Location Description	Location_Description	Yes	29530	A brief explanation of where the facility site is located, including navigational directions and/or more descriptive information about the location of the facility site.
Source of Data	Source_Of_Data	NE IIS		The source of the associated facility site.
Last Reported Date	Last_Reported_Date	Yes		The most recent date the corresponding facility site data was reported to the Source of Data (YYYYMMDD).
Environmental Interest				
Environmental Interest Type (Facility ID Std)	Environmental_Interest_Type	Yes	6163	The environmental permit or regulatory program that applies to the facility site.
Environmental Information System Abbreviated Name (Facility ID Std)	Environmental_Information_System_Abbreviated_Name	Yes	5712	The abbreviated name that represents the name of an information management system for an environmental program.
Environmental Information System Identification Number (Facility ID Std)	Environmental_Information_System_Identification_Number	Yes	5444	The identification number, such as the permit number, assigned by an information management system that represents a facility site, waste site, operable unit, or other feature tracked by that Environmental Information System.
Federal/State Interest Indicator Code	Federal_State_Interest_Indicator_Code	NA		A flag which indicates whether the facility is tracked at the federal program level, or at the State Program level only.
Environmental Interest Start Date (Facility ID Std)	Environmental_Interest_Start_Date	Yes	5981	Date the agency became interested in the facility site for a particular environmental interest type (YYYYMMDD).
Environmental Interest Start Date Qualifier	Environmental_Interest_Start_Date_Qualifier	NA	32393	The qualifier that specifies the meaning of the date being used as an approximation for the environmental interest start date.

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(Facility ID Std)				
Environmental Interest End Date (Facility ID Std)	Environmental_Interest_End_Date	Yes	32390	Date the agency ceased to be interested in the facility site for a particular environmental interest type (YYYYMMDD).
Environmental Interest End Date Qualifier (Facility ID Std)	Environmental_Interest_End_Date_Qualifier	NA	32395	The qualifier that specifies the meaning of the date being used as an approximation for the environmental interest end date.
Alternative Name				
Alternative Name	Alternative_Name	Yes		An alternative, historic or program-specific name for the facility site.
Alternative Name Type	Alternative_Name_Type	NA		The type of the alternative, historical, or program-specific name for the facility site (e.g., primary, legal, historical, local).
Geographic Coordinates				
Latitude Measure (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Latitude_Measure	Yes	5518	The measure of the angular distance on a meridian north or south of the equator.
Longitude Measure (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Longitude_Measure	Yes	5520	The measure of the angular distance on a meridian east or west of the prime meridian.
Horizontal Accuracy Measure (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Horizontal_Accuracy_Measure	Yes	5264	The measure of the accuracy (in meters) of the latitude and longitude coordinates.
Geometric Type Code (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Geometric_Type_Code	NA	5614	The code that represents the geometric entity represented by one point or a sequence of latitude and longitude points.
Geometric Type Name (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Geometric_Type_Name	Point	5761	The name that identifies the geometric entity represented by one point or a sequence of latitude and longitude points.
Horizontal Collection Method	Horizontal_Collection_Method_C	Yes	5238	The code that represents the method used to determine the latitude and

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Code (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	ode			longitude coordinates for a point on the earth.
Horizontal Collection Method Text (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Horizontal_Collection_Method_Text	Yes	5731	The text that describes the method used to determine the latitude and longitude coordinates for a point on the earth.
Horizontal Reference Datum Code (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Horizontal_Reference_Datum_Code	Yes	5308	The code that represents the reference datum used in determining latitude and longitude coordinates
Horizontal Reference Datum Name (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Horizontal_Reference_Datum_Name	Yes	5292	The name that describes the reference datum used in determining latitude and longitude coordinates.
Reference Point Code (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Reference_Point_Code	NA	5608	The code that represents the place for which geographic coordinates were established.
Reference Point Text (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Reference_Point_Text	Yes	5288	The text that identifies the place for which geographic coordinates were established.
Source Map Scale Number (Facility ID & Lat/Long Stds)	Source_Map_Scale_Number	NA	5318	The number that represents the proportional distance on the ground for one unit of measure on the map or photo.
Data Collection Date (Lat/Long Std)	Data_Collection_Date	Yes	5296	The calendar data when data were collected.
Coordinate Data Source Code (Lat/Long Std)	Coordinate_Data_Source_Code	NA	5310	The code that represents the party responsible for providing the latitude and longitude coordinates.
Coordinate Data Source Name (Lat/Long Std)	Coordinate_Data_Source_Name	NA	5322	The name of the party responsible for providing the latitude and longitude coordinates.
Location Comments Text	Location_Comments_Text	NA	5616	The text that provides additional information about the geographic

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(Lat/Long Std)				coordinates.
Vertical Measure (Lat/Long Std)	Vertical_Measure	NA	5612	The measure of elevation (i.e., the altitude), in meters, above or below a reference datum.
Vertical Collection Method Code (Lat/Long Std)	Vertical_Collection_Method_Code	NA	5314	The code that represents the method used to collect the vertical measure (i.e., the altitude) of a reference point.
Vertical Collection Method Text (Lat/Long Std)	Vertical_Collection_Method_Text	NA	5326	The text that describes the method used to collect the vertical measure (i.e., the altitude) of a reference point.
Vertical Accuracy Measure (Lat/Long Std)	Vertical_Accuracy_Measure	NA	5312	The measure of the accuracy (in meters) of the vertical measure (i.e., the altitude) of a reference point.
Vertical Reference Datum Code (Lat/Long Std)	Vertical_Reference_Datum_Code	NA	5306	The code that represents the reference datum used to determine the vertical measure (i.e., the altitude).
Vertical Reference Datum Name (Lat/Long Std)	Vertical_Reference_Datum_Name	NA	5324	The name of the reference datum used to determine the vertical measure (i.e., the altitude).
Sub-Entity Identification Number	Sub_Entity_Identification_Number	Yes	26045	The identification number for an operable unit or sub-unit of a facility site.
Sub-Entity Type Name	Sub_Entity_Type_Name	NA	26046	The code that represents the type of operable unit, or sub-unit of a facility site (i.e., stack, sampling point).
Affiliation				
Affiliation Type (Facility ID Std)	Affiliation_Type	Yes	23887	The name that describes the capacity or function that an organization or individual serves for a facility site.

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Affiliation Start Date	Affiliation_Start_Date	Yes	23897	The date on which the affiliation between the facility site and the organization and/or individual person began (MMDDYYYY).
Affiliation End Date	Affiliation_End_Date	Yes	23898	The date on which the affiliation between the facility site and the organization and/or individual person ended (MMDDYYYY).
E-mail Address	Email_Address	Yes	5710	The text that describes an electronic mail address of an organization and/or an individual person.
Telephone Number	Telephone_Number	Yes	5706	The primary telephone number of a facility site affiliate, either an organization or an individual person.
Fax Number	Fax_Number	Yes	5708	The telephone number to which a facsimile can be sent to a facility site affiliate.
Alternate Telephone Number	Alternate_Telephone_Number	Yes	23889	An alternate telephone number of a facility site affiliate, either an organization or an individual person.
Organization				
Organization Formal Name (Facility ID Std)	Organization_Formal_Name	Yes	32397	The legal, formal name of an organization that is affiliated with the facility site.
Organization DUNS Number (Facility ID Std)	Organization_DUNS_Number	NA	32399	The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet to identify unique business establishments.
Organization Type	Organization_Type	Yes	23910	The type of organization.
Employer Identification Number	Employer_Identification_Number	NA	6141	The unique tax identification number issued by the Internal Revenue Service to the employer.
State Business Identification Number	State_Business_Identification_Number	NA	6171	The uniform business number assigned to an official business by a state.
		Yes		

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Ultimate Parent Name	Ultimate_Parent_Name		5428	The legal, formal name of the ultimate parent company of the organization affiliated with the facility site.
Ultimate Parent DUNS Number	Ultimate_Parent_DUNS_Number	NA	5642	The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet to identify unique business establishments, in this case the ultimate U.S. parent company of the organization affiliated with the facility site
Individual				
Individual Full Name (Facility ID Std)	Individual_Full_Name	Yes	32400	The complete name of a person, including first name, middle name or initial, and surname.
Individual Title Text (Facility ID Std)	Individual_Title_Text	Yes	5452	The title held by a person in an organization.
Mailing Address				
Mailing Address (Facility ID Std)	Mailing_Address	Yes	6183	The exact address where a mail piece is intended to be delivered, including urban-style street address, rural route, and PO Box.
Supplemental Address Text (Facility ID Std)	Supplemental_Address_Text	Yes	6185	The text that provides additional information to facilitate the delivery of a mail piece, including building name, secondary units, and mail stop or local box numbers not serviced by the U.S. Postal Service.
Mailing Address City Name (Facility ID Std)	Mailing_Address_City_Name	Yes	5450	The name of the city, town, or village where the mail is delivered.
Mailing Address State USPS Code	Mailing_Address_State_USPS_Code	Yes	5408	The U.S. Postal Service abbreviation that represents the state or state equivalent for the U.S. and Canada.
Mailing Address State Name (Facility ID Std)	Mailing_Address_State_Name	Yes	5386	The name of the state where mail is delivered.
Mailing Address Country	Mailing_Address_Country_	USA	5394	The name of the country where the addressee is located.

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Name (Facility ID Std)	Name			<i>Default:</i> United States
Mailing Address ZIP Code (Facility ID Std)	Mailing_Address_ZIP_Code	Yes	32398	The combination of the 5-digit Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) code and the four-digit extension code (if available) that represents the geographic segment that is a subunit of the ZIP Code, assigned by the U.S. Postal Service to a geographic location to facilitate mail delivery; or the postal zone specific to the country, other than the U.S., where the mail is delivered.
Standard Industrial Classification				
Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code (Facility ID Std)	SIC_Code	Yes	5338	The code that represents the economic activity of a company (4-digits).
SIC Primary Indicator (Facility ID Std)	SIC_Primary_Indicator	Yes	23907	The name that indicates whether the associated SIC Code represents the primary activity occurring at the facility site.
North American Industry Classification				
North American U.S. National Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code (Facility ID Std)	NAICS_Code	NA	5855	The code that represents a subdivision of an industry that accommodates user needs in the United States (6-digits).
NAICS Primary Indicator (Facility ID Std)	NAICS_Primary_Indicator	NA	32401	The name that indicates whether the associated NAICS Code represents the primary activity occurring at the facility site.

Appendix B

Data Stewardship responsibilities: NDEQ shall have complete ownership and responsibility for maintaining all data elements pertaining to each facility where any NDEQ environmental program(interest) exists . EPA will have stewardship responsibilities on facilities where the environmental interest is EPA only.

Environmental Interest	Nebraska Environmental Interest	FRS Environmental Interest Type	Nebraska Accronym	NDEQ state program	NDEQ (EPA delegated program)	EPA
		Spill Control Plan				
Legal/Enforcement Programs		Docket				X
Air Programs	Air	Air Major	AIR		X	
Air Programs	Air	Air Minor	AIR		X	
Air Programs	Air	NET	AIR		X	
Air Programs	Air	NTI	AIR			
Air Programs		RMP Reporter				X
Animal Operations	Livestock Waste Control		LWC	X		
Chemical Release Programs	TRI	TRI Reporter	TRI			X
Chemical Release Programs	Release Assessment Title 200		RA	X		
Chemical Storage Programs	SARA Title III (Community Right-to-Know)		TL3	X		
Drinking Water Programs	Drinking water program	SDWIS(HHS)			X	
Ground Water Programs	Underground Injection Control	UIC	UIC	X		
Hazardous Waste Programs	RCRA	TSD	RCR		X	
Hazardous Waste Programs	RCRA	LQG	RCR		X	
Hazardous Waste Programs	RCRA	SQG	RCR		X	
Hazardous Waste Programs	RCRA	CESQG	RCR		X	
Hazardous Waste Programs	RCRA	Non-generator	RCR		X	
Hazardous Waste Programs	RCRA	Transporter	RCR			

Remediation Programs	RAPMA (Remedial Action Planning and Monitoring Act)		RAP			
Remediation Programs	Superfund (uses CERCLIS numbers)		SF			
Remediation Programs		CERCLIS – superfund NPL				X
Remediation Programs		CERCLIS – superfund–non-NPL				X
Solid Waste Programs	Integrated Waste Management		IWM	X		
Underground Storage Tank Programs	Leaking Storage Tanks		LST	X		
Underground Storage Tanks Programs		UST (SFM)			X	
Waste Water Programs	NPDES	NPDES Major	PCS		X	
Waste Water Programs	NPDES	NPDES Non-major	PCS		X	
Waste Water Programs	Onsite Wastewater Treatment		OWT	X		
Waste Water Programs	Wastewater Facilities		WWF	X		

Appendix C

Data Reconciliation

In the event of potential discrepancies in either partner's information the following rules, in accordance with the data stewardship guidelines, shall apply:

- ❑ If the potential discrepancy impacts only one partner with primary environmental interests, then that primary partner shall resolve the discrepancy as quickly as possible.**
- ❑ If the potential discrepancy impacts both partners with primary environmental interests, then the partners will work together, and in conjunction with the facility(ies), to resolve the potential discrepancy as quickly as possible. If the partners cannot reach a resolution regarding the discrepancy, then the points of contact for each partner will meet and determine a resolution to the discrepancy. The points of contact will be the final resolution to any discrepancy.**

Data gaps

Both partners agree that there will be gaps or information that is just not available. However, in the event of data gaps in the exchanged information, either partner, regardless of primary environmental interest, may conduct research or utilize automated tools to enhance the information. Any information obtained and thus stored, must have a documented quality, made available to the other partner, and revisable by the primary environmental interest partner.